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Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched special deposit Scheme viz. Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme for girl child and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the scheme;
(b) the number of accounts opened and amount deposited in these accounts under the said scheme till date, State/UT and bank-wise;
(c) whether the Government has fixed any role of the States under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the cost sharing pattern between Centre and States in this regard;
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to transfer the said scheme to State and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor, and
(e) the steps taken by the Government for successful implementation and adequate publicity of the said scheme in the country?

Answer

(a) Yes Sir. The Government has launched Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. No.323(E) dated 18.03.2016. The salient features of the scheme are as follows:
The natural or legal guardian may open the account in the name of girl child from the birth of girl child till she attains the age of ten years. The account may be opened with an initial amount of rupees one thousand and a maximum of rupees one lakh and fifty thousand may be deposited in a financial year. The account may be transferred anywhere in India. Withdrawals from the account can be made for the purposes of higher education. The account shall mature on completion of a period of 21 years from the date of opening.
(b) Statements showing the number of accounts opened and amount deposited, State/UT wise and Bank-wise, under the said scheme, upto 31.01.2017, are attached as Annexure-I.
(c) & (d) Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme falls under the category of Small Savings Schemes which are implemented by Government of India. The cost of scheme is completely borne by Government of India. Currently, there is no proposal to transfer this scheme to States.
(e) Government is taking various measures to promote the scheme by launching advertisements through the print and electronic media from time to time.